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BOAT LOST FROM S.H. RACES

The "Tophat" a Bettie-cat skippered by Patty Tighe was lost from Class B at the Stage Harbor Races on the 20th during a pea soup fog. The course was out to Red Nun No. 10 inside the harbor off Harding's Point. Because of the fog she passed by picnic point out into the sound without knowing it, and landed 2 miles down Monomoy. Searching parties immediately set out in boats and on land and continued their search until Patty was found at 10:30 P.M. by Dr. Griscom and Clement Eldredge.

Moon Penny Lane
The new lane that leads out of Stage Neck Road has been named to commemorate an old Cape Cod phrase. Traditionally, the "Moon-cussers" were men who lured vessels on dark nights across the sand bars of the "backside" of the Cape, by displaying waving lights that suggest-(con. 1b)

MARINE COLUMN

A cup was donated for a handicap race for the big yachts by David Niven, the movie celebrity. Another cup was also donated by the Fessenden's for a contest in seamanship.

An Interclub race was held August 28 at Chatham with Bass River, an Harwichport. Stage Harbor came in first, second and third, while Harwichport came in, fourth, fifth and sixth, and Bass River, Seventh, eighth, and ninth. The Labor Day weekend will be a busy one with all the special races and meetings for the election of new officers.

There was a team race at Harwichport, the 23rd, Harwich won, for the first time this summer.
Ellen Fuller

A Few Short Years Ago
Continuing up the beach we pass another long building called the rigging loft where they repaired standing rigging, (meaning the tared and wire rigging used as stays for the masts, bowsprit, etc.) Only a small percentage of the seamen were able to splice wire rigging

BARNSTABLE TERCENTENIAL CELEBRATION ENDS;

Revival of Fair Closes Summer Ceremonies
The celebration of the 300th anniversary of Barnstable was brought to a close by the three day Barnstable Fair, August 24, 25, and 26. Thousands thronged to the revival of what used to be an annual Cape gathering. Vegetable, Cattle, Poultry and Flower contests were the leading activities. The exhibition tent drew the largest crowd it was estimated by observers, to see exhibits by the high school, Cape Cod Hospital, Colonial Candle Co. County Health Bureau, New England Tel & Tel and an Art Exhibit plus many other organizations and companies. Horse racing, Vaudeville, acts, Baseball, Band Concerts, and fireworks were scheduled on all three days. ~~and so it was made a specialty of at the~~
said loft. Along side of this building was a small rail-
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 ed to the minds of anxious captains another vessel riding safely in course. Following such a lure, the victim would be plundered or the "wreckers" would charge high prices for getting the vessel off the bars. Historically, we have no record of any ship that ever was lured into danger by false lights; and in the Nineteenth Century, the word "Moon-cusser" was applied to any Cape ~~Bar~~ who conducted salvage operations. Similarly, the word "Moon penny" which may have had a less pleasant earlier connotation, was used in the Nineteenth Century to designate the money made by salvaging or other off-shore as opposed to "deep-water" enterprises. It was also used, although less generally, to denote money made by the sale of beachcombers' findings, and sometimes, carelessly, it was used to cover anything of value that the tides washed up on the shore. Thus, if a man displayed unexpected wealth and the question was asked: "Where did Abijah git the money" continued on page 4
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 way for hauling out the smaller fishing boats run by the Captain of the rigging loft. This railway was run by a capstan the same as used on large vessels to hoist anchors.

A cradle was run down the railway into which the boat was floated then a horse attached to the capstan with several turns of a rope around it with the Captain, holding turn, as they called it, and the cradle and boat slowly drawn out of the water. It was customary in those days to haul out once or twice a year to clean and paint the boats, grass and barnacles retarding the speed so much.

We then take the Stage Harbor road up from the shore to the first right, or Bridge road, and we come to a long narrow building. Looking into the building we see one man sitting on a box with palm and needle, sewing sails with no machine or device other than canvas, needle and twine. This was called the sail loft. It was very interesting to see how well and fast he turned out sails by hand.
 To Be Continued
 A. Friend

Monomoy Theatre
 The last production of the Monomoy Theatre this summer will be "Private Lives" the rollicking comedy of Married life by Noel Coward. The leads are taken by Ann Loring, Hal Conklin, Nancy Kimberly, Donald Foster, and Mary Gray - don.

On Saturday afternoon September 2, the Monomoy Theatre Apprentice School is presenting a matinee performance of "Private Lives".

Items of Interest
 Sarah's Chowder Bar is now the property of George Nickerson.

A strike of Warehouse employees has held up delivery of food to several of the chain stores this week.

Masquerade Night at the Band Concert on Friday the 25th was a feature. All honors go to Dr. Koene and Conductor Anderson for costumes. The selection of songs was particularly good Stanley and Livingston drew a full house at the Chatham Interstate Theatre with a hundred or more waiting out side for the second performance. Quite a record and quite a movie.

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Responsibility Of The Press

Many times in the past and present it has been proved that with the press rest a great responsibility to humanity. False reporting of news, playing up of untrue items and just plain lying have been a menace to the freedom of the press. At the present time with war scares and war hanging in the balance it is more important than ever that the press report truthfully items and no false propaganda. The propaganda that is coming from Europe

Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

Benjamin Franklin

has even more confused the press reporting of news, but this should not be used as an excuse to accept false news. If the press is to protect the freedom of its self and its country it must report the news truthfully as false news has always led to worse. Although at the present times conditions of reporting news have improved greatly the press must realize its RESPONSIBILITY to the people and certainly should not report news without complete reports of happenings. That way, the press will gain the respect of the people and fit in to the place of responsibility where it should rest. The press in totalitarian countries have been forced to leave their responsibilities to the people and are now the tools of a few men for their own game. The press in the democracies should not follow this horrible example of what a few unscrupulous men can do with the press. The Chatham Chatter tries to follow a policy of truthful reporting of the news and we believe that a great responsibility rest with the press of the United States.

Newspaper publishers in the United States should not do as some have been doing. That is deliberately reporting false news for their own game, as it leads to things like what is happening in Europe today and besides menacing one paper's freedom and one country's freedom menaces the whole press and the whole world. We have seen the bad news that the totalitarian states have shown what bad newspapers can do, let the democracies show what good newspapers can do.

I wholly disagree with what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it. Voltaire.

The European Crisis

With the German-Polish crisis nearing a showdown-things in Europe look very blue. But it looks like as though England is going to stand by Poland- the same with France. The whole world wants to know what Hitler's answer was. Only a few people know. London and Paris seem pretty calm, but Poland isn't calm- it has stopped its communication with the outside world, except for one route through Soviet Russia. It is completely mobilized. It looks dangerous since Soviet Russia has nearly ratified, the non-aggression pact. Germany will probably not declare war yet, it is not yet sure of Russian support and Italy seems very calm and hasn't mobilized much. Queen Wilhemina of Holland and Leopold of Belgium offered to be mediators in this crisis. Germany has occupied Slovakia, because it said Poland might attack her. Slovakia has called but three classes. Yugoslavia has settled with the Croats by letting them have local self-government. Italy thinks war is inevitable. F. B. Gilbert

WE HOPE

At the Tercentennial Banquet Joe Lincoln remarked "I am accepting an invitation to the 600th and 900th celebration" and as some of the other distinguished speakers expressed the hope "That we will not have to wait another 100 years for the Barnstable Fair". Why not make this revival permanent. The Fair has a real place on Cape Cod and we hope Mr. Lincoln and others will not have to wait 100 years before we see such a grand thing again. Everybody enjoyed the Fair that's one sure thing then why not have it again next year and not have to wait 100 years for another such

Tuning in Foreign Broadcasts

The international crisis with its many confusing slants and angles is beginning to rapidly affect every person on earth in numerous ways. In order to acquaint oneself to all sides of the story of these events, the public today has an easy way to accomplish this. Namely by their short wave radio reception. Here in Chatham and the same results may be experienced by virtually anyone residing in the eastern half of the United States, reception is definitely practicable with such points as London, Rome and Berlin. Paris and Moscow have been problematical but can also be heard.

To pick up these foreign capitals it is suggested that you tune in the 31 or 25 meter bands. Roughly the 31 meter band is located in the calibrated area of your dial of 10,000 kilocycles or 10 megacycles, extending about 1000 kcs. each way. The 25 meter band is in the 12,000 kcs. area.

Wave lengths below 10 meters or even 30,000 kcs. are at present not dependable for distant operation. For dependable foreign reception the 25 or 31 meter bands roughly tunable at 10,000 and 12,000 kcs. or 10 and 12 mcs. will be the areas you want to concentrate on. Gov't. broadcasting stations from every foreign nation likely to be involved in any immediate war can be heard presenting their nationalistic versions and justifications (con. page 4)

a fine time. The Fair besides being a chance for many to enjoy themselves has informed many citizens of what certain organizations and institutions are doing and is an asset certainly to the community besides an amusement. LET'S HOPE THE FAIR IS HERE TO STAY

Moon Penny Lane
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fer that new cow?",
the answer might well
be: "He's been pickin'
up some moon pennies."
Again, if a man built a
lean-to, using "beach-
wood" washed ashore from
a wrecked vessel, his
friends, contemplating
this new structure might
say, "It's nothin' much,
but what dya expect? He
built it outa moon
pennies."

Elizabeth Reynard.

Wizard of Oz Pack's
Interstate
Chatter Reporter
Review Startling

Movies

The story begins with
a girl blown by a hurri-
cane to Oz. When she
lands in Oz, she kills
the bad witch, but
her sister swears to get
even. She gets a pair
of ruby slippers from
the good witch, which
the bad witch wants.
Then she wants to get
back to Kansas where
she lives so she sets
out to see the Wizard
in Emerald City. She
meets 3 people on the
way. A scarecrow who
wants a brain, a tin
man who wants a heart,
and a cowardly lion
who wants courage. She
sees the Wizard who will
grant their requests if
they will bring him the
broomstick of the bad
witch.
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for their stands in
current events.
In the daytime shorter
wave lengths can be
used than at night. There-
fore you may find that
25 meters is best
daytime and 31 best at
night. All the foreign
stations have English
periods interspersed
with their own language.
Sets as low as \$15 are
capable of hearing
these stations direct
on Cape Cod. The only
requirement being that
the receiver is design-
ed to operate on such a
short wave length.

Samuel Freedman

Storm Sweeps Cape

Last Sunday night a
storm was reported by
the Coast Guard. Tues-
day afternoon rain and
a huge northeaster rag-
ed over Chatham. This
will not help the crops
because it is too late.
The rain has not stopped
when we go to press and
has continued with slight
interludes for 48 hrs.

Frank B. Gilbert

After much horrible
and breath taking scenes
she gets the broomstick
then she finds who the
Wizard is and he prom-
ises to take her back
to Kansas in a balloon
which was the way he came
to Oz. In the end it
turned out to be a dream.
F. B. Gilbert

Barnstable Tercenten-
ial Celebration Ends
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a considerable part
of the Fair was the
Amusement Area con-
taining Ferris Wheel,
etc. The Fair was
climaxed by the Ter-
centennial Banquet
held on the 26th.
Speakers included:
Joe Lincoln author
from Chatham, Charles
F. Dart Mayor of
Barnstable, England,
Dr. A. Lawrence Lo-
well President Emer-
itus, of Harvard Un-
iversity, Dr. ZoBar-
ney Phillips Chap-
lain of the U.S.
Senate, and many
others.

Mayor Dart spoke of
the international
crisis in Europe and
said, he would like
to spend more time on
these shores by Eng-
land is calling him.
Mr. Chester Crocker
chairman of the Barn-
stable board of Sel-
ectmen was Toast-
master.

C.H.S. opens on the
6th. Congratulations
to the Selectmen on
lowering the tax rate
by a substantial an-
ount. West Chatham
was a scene of a fire
on the 29th, on the
hill above Gould's
fishwharf. No serious
damage resulted from
the fire. The annual
meeting of the S.H.Y.C.
will be held on the
2nd.

More About Surf Casting

Chatham can well boast of the most excellent beaches for surf casting on Cape Cod. And now that the Surf Casting Club of Chatham is a reality we believe that before long this town will be known as the surf caster's paradise.

A short while ago a special appeal was made to the directors of the State to retain Monomoy Point as a bird sanctuary. Beyond the shadow of a doubt bird sanctuaries are good and humane movements. But we very fervently believe that Monomoy Point will better serve posterity when it is known as the best surf casting spot in America. The newly organized Surf Casters Club held their first meeting on Aug. 3, at night from 6 o'clock till dark. Those who were there are still speaking enthusiastically of the affair.

The fish the surf casters for is the striped bass. This fish plays on grounds, in the surf from the shores of Florida to the rocky channels of the Maine Coast. They feed on small eels, shrimp, blood worms, ink fish, squid etc. The bass is a highly palatable fish. Properly prepared its savoriness doubles the pleasure of landing him.

It is surprising to know the number of people who are not acquainted with the fine sport of surf casting. This article will endeavor to show what this outdoor recreation is like. What is needed in the line of tackle.

The required equipment are a pole, a reel and some line. The reel is attached to the pole and about one hundred feet of line rolled on the spool of the reel. Also attached on the pole are a guide and a tip through which the line is steadied when casting.

And the prices for this type of tackle are so varied as to enable anyone the opportunity of acquiring an outfit. But one should never forget that the fine tackle does not make a fisherman. Like all sports the old adage that Practice makes Perfect! goes for surf casting also.

Surf Casting has not remained strictly a man's sport. Many women have taken it up, and are doing very well. There are several women right here in Chatham who would definitely hold their own against the best of the men.

Articles written in the Fish and Game Magazine show that the women have not let the men get too far ahead of them in this particular sport.

The newly organized Surf Casting Club of Chatham meets every three or four weeks on Monomoy Point and the members promise a good time. A prize is offered for the biggest bass caught surf casting. They also have distance casting competitions. Members will be given insignias, in the form of cloth badges which can be sewed on a sweater, and which will show the number of yards the wearer can cast.

Now the people who go around and tell about their superhuman cast, will simply have to stick to what the insignia says. That badge will not lack of adherence to fact.

Frank Staylor

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"Captain Smith Says-----"

That Chatham celebrated it's 200th anniversary in 1912 with ceremonies similar to those held this year.

That Thomas Otis famous revolutionary patriot was born in Barnstable County.